

REMARKS

Claims 7, 10, 24 - 28, 30 and 32 - 36 are pending in the present Application. Claims 7, 10 and 36 have been amended, leaving Claims 7, 10, 24 - 28, 30 and 32 - 36 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

Claims 7, 10 and 36 have been amended to include the cooking times at the claimed temperatures and pressures. Support for this amendment can at least be found in the Specification on Page 26, lines 24-27, and lines 32-36.

Support for the amendments to the Specification can be found in claims 8 and 9 as filed.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Although not specifically mentioned by the Examiner, Applicants believe that the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 7, 10, 24 – 28, 30, and 32 – 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the Specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Examiner contends that the applicant does not teach a “second palatability enhancer.” Claims 8 and 9 as originally filed provide ample support for a second palatability enhancer. The Specification has been amended at Page 21, after line 25 to add the subject matter of Claims 8 and 9 as filed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

The Examiner further contends that “breakage of a substantial quantity of the triglyceride molecules” is unclear. Applicants submit that one of skill in the art could readily understand from reading the Specification as filed the scope of “breakage of a substantial quantity of the triglyceride molecules, thereby creating smaller molecular fragments” suitable for reaction with nitrogen and sulfur sources. For the sake of clarity, claims 7, 10 and 36 have been amended to specify the cooking times. Because the cooking times, temperatures and pressures are fully

defined, one of skill in the art would readily understand that "breakage of a substantial quantity of the triglyceride molecules" would occur by following the claimed reaction conditions.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection(s) and rejection(s) and allowance of the case are respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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